--- 5 Pounds - "Series of 1883"- BLUE - SNUFF - 4th BABN Contract of October 22nd 1886 ---

--- inscribed NOT MORE THAN / *40%* / MOISTURE - scanned at 35% scale ---

--- *recess printed* on unwatermarked white bond - mounted on thin cardboard - a three-part *paste-up* die proof ---

--- RS-42(L) PuP CP - *imperforate* - three beavers with foliage - design 460 x 19 mm. ---

Separate taxation of snuff was initiated by the Budget of **1883** - 8¢ per pound for "over 40% moisture"
12¢ per pound for "not more than 40% moisture"

The catalogue should list the lithographed "Series of 1883" 5 pounds, blue, **Not More than 40% Moisture** snuff strip as follows:

RS-42(L)† - 5 pounds, blue, perf 12, on vertical mesh wove, with 4 mm. red controls

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of **RS-42(L) - WANTED!**

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	John McKay records 14,955 *lithographed* copies of "SNUFF, 5 lbs. Blue 40% and under" as delivered. These are **RS-42(L)**. This is his only mention of the blue 5 pound Snuff strip.

4th BABN Contract	October 22nd 1886	14,955 lithographed	**000001** to **014955**

★**RS-42(L) PuP** - 5 pounds, recess printed three part blue *paste-up proof* made from short die proofs, with three beavers and overhanging foliage, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic letters

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★**RS-42(L) PP** - 5 pounds, recess printed, blue, imperforate plate proof, mounted on light cardboard, with three beavers and overhanging foliage

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The collection also contains a separated *paste-up* proof **RS-42(L) PuP** printed in blue ink on white bond, prepared for use, without the **CANCELLED** stamping - scanned at 80% scale

The central portion measures 200 mm. in length. The end portions of the strip (which are identical) measure 143 mm in length. If the same diameter transfer roll was used for making the dies, since ($c = \pi d$), the minimum diameter of the transfer roll would be $200 / \pi = 6.36$ cm. or $6.36 / 2.54 = 2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

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